

Missionaries Aid Flooded Bangladesh

By James McKinley Jr.

DACCA, Bangladesh (BP) — The huge jet cargo plane touched down easily at the Dacca airport. The load, heavy and precious, contained food for the starving victims of a flood that engulfs two-thirds of Bangladesh.

This is the third time in five years the Bangalis have faced national devastation. The first time, in November 1970, another flood swept the land killing a half-million people. Then, just four months later, a war for independence took the lives of three million more.

This flood, the worse since 1954 according to Southern Baptist missionaries in the area, has affected 30 million people. The rice crops are destroyed. The next harvest will be at best delayed. The waters must recede before the people can plant.

Coming to the aid of Bangladesh

Christian Life Body Emphasizes Applied Christianity

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission bestowed its 1974 Distinguished Service Award and heard a prominent churchman analyze practical application of the Christian faith at the commission's annual meeting here.

The commission also approved a record budget of \$300,000, elected a new slate of officers and mapped plans for the future.

Lloyd Crawford, a layman from Golden, Colo., succeeds Cecil Sherman, a pastor from Asheville, N. C., as chairman. Sarah Frances Anders, head of the sociology department at Louisiana College, a Baptist school in Pineville, was named vice chairman. William M. Pinson Jr., professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is the secretary.

W. Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., received the Distinguished Service Award which cited for "unique contributions to Southern Baptists in the area of applied Christianity."

Martin E. Marty, in an address to the commission, discussed the "binocular vision" that Christians must have to view not only the eternal but "to see human need... to see God revealed in the face of human pain."

"Jesus Christ can be found in the middle of everything—but the road," declared Marty, associate editor of Christian Century and professor of modern church history at the University of Chicago's Divinity School.

"Not to take a stand is to take a stand," he said, "especially in the welter of controversial issues we face in the world. People know your faith by where you stand," he said, adding that three-fourths of the Christians were silent in Hitler's Germany, thereby casting their votes for evil.

The Lutheran clergyman said that often Christians, when in doubt, stick with the status quo. "The demonic pervades the structures of existence," he warned.

He also urged that Christians look for new strategies and not just decide that something doesn't work if it doesn't work as it did in the 1950s.

Marty suggested that churches "unless the power" of the laity and that they attempt to minister in crises be-

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Pastor-Deacon Chairman Confab Set In Jackson

NASHVILLE — A Mississippi State Pastor-Deacon Chairman Conference will be held Nov. 1-2, at the First Baptist Church in Jackson. The two-day conference is co-sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

According to Charles Treadway, pastoral ministries consultant at the board, "Deacon chairmen and pastors attending the conference will gain useful insight into the total ministry of deacons. They will be better equipped to lead the deacons to work with the pastor in ministering to the church and community."

"Deacon chairmen will be guided in planning a year's work for deacons; planning and conducting effective deacon meetings; providing positive leadership for deacon projects; directing the Deacon Family Ministry Plan; and leading the church in fellowship."

Owen Cooper, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and in-

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are several mission organizations including the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The board in its September meeting appropriated a total of \$33,664 for relief efforts related to the floods. Of the total, \$10,000 was from relief funds, \$22,453 came from capital funds to be re-designated from agricultural work to flood relief, and \$1,211 was received as a special gift from the First Southern Baptist Church in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Already James E. Young, Southern Baptist missionary, with the help of Bengali Christians, has distributed four truck loads of rice seedlings in one area where a crop would have

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World Missions Conference Held At Garaywa

The annual World Missions Rally jointly sponsored by the Brotherhood and WMU departments was held Sept. 14 at Camp Garaywa. Several attending are seen, from left: Rev. Lewis Myers, missionary to Viet Nam; Miss Marjean Patterson, WMU executive secretary; Rev.

Charles Tope, missionary to Kenya; Dick Lemaster, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Murry Alexander, Greenville layman; Mrs. Alexander; Paul Harrell, associate in Brotherhood Department.

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Jackson Area Goes 'Over The Top' In \$100,000 Gulfshore Goal

The Jackson goal of \$100,000 for the state wide Baptist campaign of \$1,250,000 to "Restore Gulfshore" has gone "over the top."

Dr. David Grant, of Jackson, general chairman of the "Restore Gulfshore" Campaign, said that \$100,814 in cash and pledges had been received in the Jackson area campaign as of Sept. 14.



John Mobley, of Jackson is chairman of the Jackson area campaign and he, along with others who assisted in the Jackson effort, were commended for their success by Dr. Grant and other state leaders.

Mr. Mobley Regarding the progress of the state-wide campaign Dr. Grant said that

"using actual figures, some projected figures and estimates, we are now within \$50,000 of our goal of \$1,250,000."

"Momentum has picked up and we need one 'big push' now to go 'over the top' before the State Convention meeting in November."

Dr. Grant said that the \$1,250,000 would be added to other funds already allocated to rebuild the Assembly.

Dr. Grant said that a statewide campaign to raise \$1,250,000 for the restoration of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian was launched in 1972 as a result of action

by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November of that year.

Gulfshore Assembly was practically destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969.

Other statewide officers in addition to Dr. Grant are Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian, chairman of the Steering Committee; W. Henry Holman, Jackson, chairman of the individual gifts division; K. Hayes Callicut, Jackson, vice-chairman, individual gifts division; Dr. Bill Causey, Jackson, chairman church gifts division.

Dr. Grant is also pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The target date for occupancy of the restored facility is the summer of 1976.

Expectancy Urgency Seen In Mission Work In Africa

RICHMOND (BP) — A sense of expectancy and urgency characterizes the attitude of Southern Baptist missionaries in Eastern and Southern Africa, Davis L. Saunders told board members at the September meeting of the Foreign Mission Board here.

Saunders, area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, has just returned from eight months in Africa. "My conviction is that the challenge and the excitement of serving in Africa in these unusual, changing days has instilled in your missionaries a sense of commitment and high morale," Saunders said, addressing the board.

Citing examples of the progress, Saunders spoke of recent developments in Ethiopia, Uganda, Zambia, Mozambique, Angola and Rhodesia, all of which he observed first-hand during his residence there.

In Ethiopia, Southern Baptist missionaries were asked by a small group of people to leave the mission station at Menz. Quietly, the missionaries locked their homes and drove to Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. Having planned vacations within a few weeks, they simply took their vacations early.

Before the month had passed a second delegation from Menz approached the missionaries in Addis Ababa. The judges, Parliament members and lo-

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Convention Board To Meet In Jackson Sept. 23-24



CRAE HILLMAN AND FRIEND—JOT, the animated television dot created by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, is more than a television star to young Crae Hillman. JOT is his friend and Crae, who watches JOT regularly on television, uses a quick imagination to spin yarns about JOT's shape. "We lived in the apartment complex across the street from the Commission when Crae was born," said his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hillman of Grapevine, Texas, "and Crae has always referred to the three-story Radio and Television Commission building as 'the house where JOT lives.'"—Radio-TV Commission Photo by Rachel Colvin.

Hobbs Sees Radio-Television As Air Force Of Military Force Of God's Army

"I believe in preaching the gospel on radio and television," said Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs. "Radio and television is the air force of the military force of the army of God."

"Religious radio and television programs go in and soften up hardened areas for the ground troops (missionaries) to go in."

Hobbs, addressing a group of pastors at a recent broadcast consultation at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, called the ministry of the Radio-TV Commission "one of the greatest mission forces Southern Baptists have today."

The Commission, he said, "provides radio and television programs that speak for Christians in general and Baptists, specifically, when there is no other religious voice in a given area."

Hobbs, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been preaching on radio as "The Baptist Hour" speaker for nearly 16 years. "The Baptist Hour," produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, is heard weekly around the country on more than 395 radio stations.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens is president of the Radio and Television Commission.

The annual principal business meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson Sept. 23-24, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, the Board's executive secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Harold T. Bryson, Carthage, is president of the body and will preside.

The 100-member Board is scheduled to adopt a Cooperative Program budget for 1975, hear reports of all phases of its work and make recommendations to be presented to the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will meet in Jackson Nov. 12-14 at the First Baptist Church.

The Board will also hear a report from the Gulfshore Restoration Finance Campaign. Dr. David Grant, Jackson, chairman.

Other officers of the Board include Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian, vice-president.

The Board will convene at 2:00 p.m. Monday and adjourn when it completes its work, possible Monday night or Tuesday morning, Dr. Kelly said.

The Executive Committee will meet Monday morning in the Executive Committee room prior to the meeting of the full Board.

The Board is the official agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, elected by the Convention to carry out

its mission program as well as other assignments.

The Executive Committee will be presided over by Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, chairman.

Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer of the board, will also be present as well as Dr. David Grant, Jackson, convention president, ex-officio.

Other members of the Executive Committee are Dr. Harold Kitchings, Kosciusko, vice-chairman; Dr. John Lee Taylor, Grenada; Rev. Ed Gandy, Bruce; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; Dr. John Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg.

The Cooperative Program budget to be presented to the board was recommended by the Budget Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.

\$94,689 Given To Southwestern

FORT WORTH (BP) — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has received \$94,689 from the estate of a Texas Baptist, Mrs. Laura Dunlap Sampson of Houston. This amount, added to two previous bequests, brings to over \$464,000 which has been received from the Sampson estate.

EUTHANASIA

(Last in series of five)
By Bob Adams, Associate Professor
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"There is almost no relationship between what people think they think about death, and how they really feel when they face it,"

commented a psychologist. Death becomes increasingly remote as the means for sustaining life become more complex. The act of dying is not a present reality for urban people as

Dr. Adams much as it is for rural people. The fact of dying is as real in each case. "The city person usually asks me to spare no expense in order to keep a dying relative alive. But the rural person who has lived his life in close contact with the cycle

of nature accepts death more readily as a fact of life," stated a medical doctor.

Remoteness from the dying person is probably normal for most Baptists today. That is, most do not personally, physically care for friends and loved ones as they go through the process of dying. We do usually "visit" them, either in a hospital or a nursing home. Nor are they in real contact with us. Medication draws a curtain that blocks out much communication. This should be kept in mind as we look into the Bible for guidance about death and dying.

When we say euthanasia, we are talking about dying. Just as when we say capital punishment or abortion, we are also talking about dying. Yet no one of the three cases is quite the same as the others, although they all speak of death and dying. Literally, the word euthanasia means a or the

Cooperative Gifts, SBC, Show Gain

NASHVILLE (BP) — With one month to go in the 1973-74 fiscal year, the national Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget continues to run more than 13 per cent ahead of last year.

The \$35,002,040 contributed from SBC churches through August 30 meets the basic allocation for operating and capital funds for SBC agencies for the entire fiscal year, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee. The SBC budget for operating and capital needs for the current fiscal year is \$35 million.

"During September, the final month of the fiscal year, Southern Baptists will have an opportunity to help SBC agencies meet some of the problems created by double-digit inflation," Routh said.

"Since the basic budgets were adopted by the agencies nearly a year ago there has been about 12 per cent inflation, which it is hoped can be matched during September to prevent an actual loss in purchasing power," Routh said. "We are grateful to God for the continued good stewardship of Southern Baptists. We look forward to September with real faith."

Southern Baptists contributed \$3,287,094 through the Cooperative Program in August — \$453,049 or 15.90 per cent ahead of the same month last year, according to John H. Williams, the Executive Committee's director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer. The year-to-date figure of more than \$35 million exceeds last year's contributions at the same point by nearly \$5 million, or 13.26 per cent.

Funds designated for specific causes in August showed a 45 per cent — or \$1,861 — decline over last August, totaling \$408,177. However, designated funds for the year to date stand at \$32,347,924. That's an increase of \$3,000,000.

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Bible Conference Set For Broadmoor, Jackson, Sept. 22-25

A Bible Conference will be held at Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Sept. 22-25, according to Dr. David Grant, pastor.

Dr. Leo Green, a native Mississippian and now professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, professor of New Testament and Greek, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, will be the two conference leaders.

The schedule for Sunday will include Dr. Tolbert leading in the 8:20 a.m. worship and Dr. Green in the pulpit at the 10:50 worship hour.

At the 6:15 p.m. Church Training period, Dr. Green will lead conferences for adults while Dr. Tolbert will lead at the 7:30 worship hour.

The Monday - Wednesday schedule will be a 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. period with 45 minutes devoted to Old Testament and 45 minutes to New Testament, and a 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. period with the same schedule to be followed.

Dr. Grant said that there will be no duplications in the conferences, with each leader to have a different lesson for each 45 minute period.

Dr. Grant said that the conference sessions were open to the public and those desiring to attend would be welcome.

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been impossible next year without them.

Thomas E. Thurman, Southern Baptist missionary, has purchased medicines to be distributed by the Faridpur Baptist Church and missionary Thomas D. Kirkpatrick.

In another area, missionary Carl F. Ryther has supplied 1,000 ducks. These baby ducks grow quickly and will become food for hungry stomachs. Ryther has also purchased and distributed 3,000 baby fish of a fast-growing species that will soon alleviate suffering for some. Or-

ders have been placed for an additional 50,000 baby fish.

R. T. Ruckley began work immediately assisting the Salvation Army and local organizations in supplying food to the desperate people.

The new appropriations will be used for purchasing ducks and fish, sinking tube wells and building houses. Then, also money will be used for distribution of seed the missionaries hope to receive from other groups.

Ducks will be used now and to build up flocks for the future, and fish will be furnishing food within four months. The houses, built by missionaries

in the past, stand today as proof of the permanence of the efforts. Tube wells will supply pure water and therefore aid in alleviating the disease that comes with flooding.

Only one missionary injury was reported related to the flood. Dan Hill, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. (Danny) Hill, suffered a broken leg in a bus wreck while traveling to a flood area with his father.

In a land that often faces great floods, most agree that this is the worst. Missionaries, though, in most cases sent as preachers, are answering the physical needs of the people as well as the spiritual needs.

Foreign Board Hears Report on Mozambique

RICHMOND (BP) — A guardedly optimistic report on the future of Baptist work and the status of missionaries in politically troubled Mozambique marked the September meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

The board also appropriated \$44,164 for relief efforts in Bangladesh and Upper Volta and heard a report from Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, on the board's role in channeling relief funds.

Davis Saunders, the board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, sharing the contents of a wire just received from Bud Fray, missionary in the area, characterized the situation in Mozambique as "tense and troubled."

However, earlier reports are more encouraging. Quoting Ernest Harvey, missionary to Mozambique, Saunders indicated missionaries are continuing their work with "much more freedom than ever experienced by Protestant missionaries in Mozambique."

"Doors are wide open for missionaries," Saunders continued quoting Harvey. "Within the last three weeks, immigration requirements have been lessened for missionaries to enter. If we just had missionaries who were ready to come now!"

Saunders reported that soon after the revolution in Portugal, First Baptist Church of Lourenço Marques held the first open air service in its 25-year history. The Portuguese Baptist leaders have requested three other Southern Baptist missionary couples to join the Harveys.



Moments of meditation and periods of missions emphasis provide the distinctives for Royal Ambassador. Boys

to His leadership during decision time.

Record Attendance Of 1045 Is Set At 1974 Royal Ambassador Camps

The 1974 Royal Ambassador camping season concluded with 1045 campers experiencing the joys and thrills of a summer camping experience. This composed a record attendance for a six week period.

The basis for the objectives in the camping ministry are found in Luke 2:52 — "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man."

It is the aim to develop the total

life of the individual. Therefore, the camping program is designed to meet the spiritual, physical, educational, and social needs of all boys. This is accomplished through the varied and balanced activities of the camp program.

The many pastors, other church staff members and laymen who serve as counselors make Royal Ambassador Camp meaningful for all boys attending.

Total attendance at the six weeks of camps was 1045 with 911 of these being campers.

There were 68 professions of faith, 72 rededications, 25 for church related vocations for a total of 165 decisions.

The camps are held under sponsorship of the Brotherhood Department, Rev. E. L. Howell, director. Paul Harrell, associate, is camp director.



Counselor Garland Eves demonstrates various phases of nature crafts.



Camp Staff For 1974: Front row (l to r) Bob Willis, Ellwood Middleton, Rick Axtel, unit leaders; back row (l to r) Mrs. Reece McCullough, nurse; Harold Johnson, craft director; John Freeman, aquatics director; Jon Doler, assistant camp director; Scottie Doler, manager of trading post.



Camp Director Paul Harrell assists two campers in folding the United States flag. Through the flag ceremonies boys are made aware of their Christian citizenship.



Counselor George Smith shows an interested camper the beginning steps in a braiding craft.

Christian Life Emphasis: Applied Christianity

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fore the issues are polarized — when opinions on issues are diffuse.

Delivering a report on the state of the Christian Life Commission Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer, outlined critical financial concerns which, he said, have caused the commission budget "to stand still as far as real budget has been concerned" over the past five years.

He said the critical financial concerns "made us face up to the fact of life and have served to remind us that about 90 percent of the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program goes to agencies that are working diligently and consistently to raise money outside the Cooperative Program."

"One of our goals," he said, "is to achieve the best possible internal organization so as to give Southern Baptists full value for the substantial funds the convention now invests in the Christian Life Commission" through the Cooperative Program, "the SBC's financial lifeline."

Valentine noted that defeat of the Christian Life Commission's proposals on freedom of women at the SBC in Dallas last June "has issued a wave of support stronger than we have felt in a number of years."

"Attacks on the Commission, largely though not solely by outsiders, have consumed a good deal of time and energy; but there is a divine alchemy

working even in these attacks as we are reminded: 'Woe unto you when all men speak well of you.'"

Citing the moral, family, political, racial and economic crises in society, Valentine noted that the need for the Christian Life Commission's emphasis on Christian morality development is "needed more than ever before."

The question of race, for example, Valentine said, "The racial crisis has not gone away. On the contrary, it is building up a head of steam. A stifled desperation hangs in the air and the dream of Martin Luther King, like the vision of Isaiah, goes unfulfilled while in the distance... there is a sound of knives being sharpened."

He said moral emphases are urgent in a time faced by the "crumbling of the pillars of state. The approaching Bicentennial celebration should afford us the opportunity of the century to expand this emphasis."

AN AUDIENCE with the Bahamian governor general and his wife was held for the executive committee of the organization of Baptists in the Caribbean countries, the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship, at its recent annual meeting here. In business sessions, the committee admitted the Independent Baptist Mission of Trinidad and Tobago, bringing the total number of member bodies to 19 with a membership of 200,000.

The Convention President Speaks

By now, most of you have heard the good news of the Billy Graham Crusade to be held here in Jackson next spring. This crusade is the result of much prayer, many meetings, and a great deal of concern.

It has been my privilege to work on what has been called an ad hoc committee to bring this to pass. Therefore, I am very excited about this possibility.

At this point, I want to assure everyone that it is our sincere prayer that this crusade will not be just a Jackson one. Nor do we wish it to be just a Baptist effort.

Mr. Sterling Huston of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, along with others who are working toward the early date in May, want everyone assured that this is a statewide campaign for all people.

I want to request you to start praying now. The exact dates have not been released yet, but it will be in the early part of May. Put this in your prayer book, make it a definite object of prayer. Also put it on your calendar and plan to support it.

As things develop and time moves on, you will be hearing more about it. —David Grant.

St. Louis Pastors Raise Fund To Keep School In Operation

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP)—More than one-half million dollars in cash and pledges, raised by churches of the St. Louis Baptist Association, has stayed off the imminent closure of debt-plagued Missouri Baptist College here.

Trustees of the school, one of four operated by the Missouri Baptist Convention, had voted not to open the school this fall after failure of efforts to merge with William Jewell College or secure financial backing from the Missouri convention.

"We're going to make an effort to keep the school going permanently," said J. Edwin Hewlett, chairman of an ad hoc committee which raised the funds.

Hewlett, pastor of Southwest Baptist Church, St. Louis, said the fund raising campaign has collected \$157,000 in one year pledges from individuals and churches, more than \$356,000 in three-year pledges and \$120,000 in immediate cash and pledges, which made opening possible, Sept. 4.

The trustees had asked the Missouri convention's executive board on two occasions to co-sign a note for interim financing so the school could

open in September. The board declined to do so in April and in August. In its August meeting the board declined to co-sign a \$125,000 note. "The board confirmed action taken in April not to co-sign any more loans for any Missouri Baptist institutions until the convention's financial situation is clearer," said Thomas Nelson, the Missouri convention's interim executive secretary.

The board voted 26-4 not to guarantee the college's debts beyond the present amount of indebtedness.

In between visits to the executive board asking for assistance, the Missouri Baptist College trustees asked trustees of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., to consider merger.

William Jewell, however, declined. A resolution of the Baptist school's trustees noted: "... it is not financially feasible for William Jewell to help. We have been hampered by lack of time and information to fully consider the question."

The trustees of Missouri Baptist College voted in mid-August "to suspend educational operation until a satisfactory plan for resumption could be developed," said Wallace Jones, the college's trustee chairman.

During the school's efforts to regain its financial footing, President Frank Kellogg, Dean of the College Larry Powers and Public Relations Director David Kellogg offered their resignations which Jones said "the board accepted with regret."

He said they resigned "in light of the William Jewell merger talks to give William Jewell more flexibility" but that the resignations have not been withdrawn. Robert Sutherland, head of the school's behavioral science department has been elected dean of the college and president pro tem.

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718,100 — or 12.99 per cent — over last year's figure.

Total contributions, Cooperative Program and designated, total \$67,349,965 for the year to date — a 13.13 per cent increase over the \$59,532,939 collected at the same point last year.

For August, total contributions were \$3,665,271. That figure is up 13.91 per cent above the August total of \$3,244,083 collected in 1973.

Expectancy Felt In Africa

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cal leaders made a written formal request for the missionaries to return to Menz. The delegates represented the larger group that held mass demonstrations showing the public support of the missionaries.

Thus the missionaries were able to return with a new sense of purpose, knowing that the people who had at one time only accepted them, now wanted them.

Work permits and visas have been a difficulty in the past for missionaries going to Uganda. Other work by a different group of evangelical missionaries had been closed and congregations disbanded. However, the secretary for religious affairs of the government has assured Saunders that visas and work permits will be available in the future to new missionaries wishing to enter Uganda.

With this progress comes reports that once declining work is now increasing and growth is seen again in Uganda.

The organization of three different areas of Zambia to formally ratify a constitution for the organization of the Baptist Convention of Zambia has been the goal of mission work there for several years.

This year it happened. "The missionaries in Zambia are anticipating a new spirit of unity and a forward thrust as the churches begin to pull together and to speak with one voice on the many issues that face them," Saunders reported.

Mozambique and Angola, both Portuguese overseas provinces at the beginning of the year, were, through the new government in Portugal, able to extend the religious liberties of the people. Both nations granted the right to open-air assemblies, not permitted

before the coup.

Angola also granted permission for Southern Baptist Missionary Harrison H. Pike to reopen work in the Carmona area, closed for the last 13 years to all evangelical work. The First Baptist Church of Carmona was organized with 5,665 charter members coming from 74 groups of believers.

Pike will soon be joined by three more missionary couples, one now in language study, one just appointed and one reappointed to Angola after serving in Brazil. For Angola, this year has brought new freedoms, new believers and new missionary personnel, Saunders said.

In Rhodesia early reports from a simultaneous revival indicated approximately 2,000 new professions of

faith. This number added to the present 8,900 membership in Baptist churches represents a significant growth.

The thrust of development in Eastern and Southern Africa, according to Saunders, has been directed toward leadership training. Missionaries, he said, are seeking to reach every level, "from the layman who teaches in the local congregation, to the well-trained pastor who becomes the key to the development of strong, well-organized and active convention life."

In conclusion, Saunders called Eastern and Southern Africa a land of "unrivaled opportunities" and called for prayer for guidance in using the resources now available to the mission effort.

Pastor-Deacon Chairman Confab Set In Jackson

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dustrialist from Yazoo City, Miss., will be the featured speaker.

Program personalities from the Mississippi convention will include Earl Kelly, executive secretary; Foy Rogers, director of the cooperative missions department; and Leon Emery, associate cooperative mission department.

In addition to Treadway, other board personnel conducting sessions include Howard Foshee, secretary of the church administration department; Ernest Mosley, supervisor of the church ministries section; Francis Martin, editor of "The Deacon"

magazine; and James Barry, pastoral ministries consultant.

Topics of discussion for the conference will consist of "Things Pastors and Deacons Should Know About Missions," "Leadership Skills for Deacon Chairmen," "Deacon Projects for Proclaiming the Gospel," "Fellow Laborers in the Ministry," "Deacon Projects for Ministering to Families" and "The Deacon and His Denomination."

There will be two separate conferences for wives of deacons attending the conference entitled "The Ministry of the Deacon's Wife" and "What God Expects of Me in Working with My Husband."

Drug Education Plans Discussed

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, left, State Chairman of Church co-ordinating Committee, discusses drug education plans for the new school term with James Winstead, president of Mississippi Drug Abuse Council. M.D.A.C. was chartered two years ago to assist high school students organized peer-groups which give training and motivation to junior high school stu-

dents. All activities are co-ordinated thru local school administrators and are supervised by local adult councils. Interested high school students through out the state are urged to write M.D.A.C. at P. O. Box 8098, Jackson, Miss. 39204 to inquire as to how they can become personally involved with peer-group motivation in their school.

Professor Of Ethics Talks About The Question Of Euthanasia

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 logical aspect: Does man have a moral right to end the life of another suffering human being, even at the request of the sufferer?

For the Christian, the third aspect may be decisive. If the answer should be, "no, man does not have the moral right to end the life of another," then the two prior aspects, legal and medical, have no validity. If the answer should be a yes, however much qualified, then the medical and legal aspects are very important.

What, then, does the Bible say about a person's choosing when and under what circumstances he will die? And, what does it say about a person's having the moral right to end the life of another? Although the two questions are related, they are not the same except in the very broadest sense.

From the prior study of capital

punishment, the conclusion has already been reached that from within a biblical perspective, the right of man (society or government) to take the life of another is very reluctantly granted. This kind of taking of life would be a sad, regretful, last recourse and an admission of failure on the part of everyone concerned. With scriptural emphasis on the sanctity of human life, taking of human life in this or any other way signifies the breakdown of what God tries to do with man. It is the temporary triumph of evil over good.

In the light of such reluctance, can a person claim a right to say when and under what circumstances he shall die? If the cases of suicide presented in the Bible are examined, some light may be shone on the subject. Anthopol, King David's counselor and later quising, committed sui-

cide. No judgment is pronounced, not even a commentary, about his self-killing. Abimelech, rebel, traitor, murderer, had himself killed to avoid an even sorer death. No judgment is passed on his suicide-by-order. Zimri, usurper and murderer, burned the king's house around him and died. Samson, God's instrument on more than one occasion, pulled a heathen temple down on his tormentors and himself. Saul, paranoid king, mortally wounded in battle, fell on his own sword. These men all ended their own lives. Although Scripture does not condemn them for their self-destruction, euthanasia. The most that can be said is that God did not overtly condemn them for choosing their deaths and deliberately ending their lives.

Appeal can be made to the action of Jesus. Many times, as recorded in the Gospels, Jesus spoke of his com-

ing death. Although he would die at the hands of others, he emphasized that both his life and his death were just that: his, and not theirs. His choosing of his own death was in reality an affirmation of the sanctity of life. The most brutal and degrading kind of death could not really destroy the life that was His.

It seems that many times Paul deliberately placed himself in situations where death was a preponderant possibility. Could those decisions by the apostle be called a deliberate choosing of the probability of death? Other cases could rightly be made of God-fearing people who placed themselves in similar circumstances.

Every human has a sacred right to his own life. It is not possible, from within a biblical perspective, to speak of it as an absolute right. Current tradition at the time of Jesus af-

firmed the right of a member of God's people to end his own life. This right could be exercised only when continued living would possibly result either in an idolatrous act or in degradation of life and body at the hands of others. God's right for his image (man) not to be degraded or debased was seen to be above man's right to continue to live if his living would be subhuman or inhuman.

This seems to be the issue for a Christian in euthanasia. At stake is not just life, but the quality and purpose of that life. While a person has the physical and mental capacity to make choices for the future, does he have the right to determine the conditions under which he does not want to continue physical existence? The actions of Jesus, Paul, and other followers of Jesus indicate that they were guided by the understanding

that they had that right. When and if the prior question of the right to choose death under specified circumstances is decided, the problem then is spelling out the medical and legal problems involved in making the decision and carrying it out.

Death itself is personally remote to most Christians' thinking. The physical experience of it is put out of mind. This can be a failure to exercise responsible faith. While we yet have the faculty of responsibility is the time when we need to affirm the sanctity of human life, which we also affirm does not cease with physical death. Each of us lives closer to death daily than we imagine. Why should we not guarantee and then exercise our right to meaningful personal life, a right that should not be thwarted by a meaningless existence devoid of communication and companionship.

Forum

Creedalism Not A Danger To Baptists

Dear Editor:
 The Baptist Press reports that Charles W. Dewese, Assistant Director of Editorial and Research Services for the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, has said that Southern Baptists are moving toward creedalism. Mr. Dewese is reported as saying, "This creedalism exists in the movement which suggests that all Southern Baptists give allegiance to the precise doctrines and wording of the 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message."

This sounds like a cry of "Wolf" when there is no wolf. Indeed, there is reason to believe that the cry may be designed to divert the denomination's attention away from a real "wolf."

In whatever effort has been made to call Southern Baptists to a renewed loyalty to the Baptist Faith and Message Statement, there has been nothing to indicate that Southern Baptists are expected to "give allegiance to the precise doctrines and wording of the 1963 statement." The Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, which is but the merest tip of the iceberg of conservative feeling and opinion among Southern Baptists, has sought primarily to remind our people of the paramount importance of our belief in the Bible as "truth without mixture of error," and thus our sole rule for faith and practice. There has been no attempt to say what any individual Baptist should believe about any of the several doctrines we hold. What we have sought to do is to say that Southern Baptists have become what they are, and have wrought monumental achievements, because of their belief in an inerrant, infallible, and authoritative Scripture. It is our firm conviction that this is a fundamental, bedrock tenet which we cannot relinquish without losing our denominational soul.

There is a vast difference between the workmen busy redecorating the various rooms of a building, each in his own way, and another group which is at work undermining the very foundations of the building. The latter group is destined to destroy the whole structure, whether they know it or not. To warn the inhabitants of the building as to what is going on at the foundation level is not to declare that every room in the building must be decorated exactly alike.

For Mr. Dewese to say that "there is a tendency to let the Baptist Faith and Message take the place of Scripture" is to indicate a shallow acquaintance with Southern Baptists. There is no evidence to support his statement. Baptists believe the Bible; it is their guide. They well know the difference between a

statement or confession of faith, and their source of truth. There are likely thousands of Baptist churches whose members know little or nothing about the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement. True, they believe in essence what it states. But the Bible is their creed. They hold it to be God's infallible and true Word, and they have not the slightest intention of letting the Baptist Faith and Message statement become a substitute. By the same token, they also believe that any person who calls himself a Southern Baptist ought also to believe that the Bible IS God's Word, our sole rule, and our supreme and indispensable source of truth.

Southern Baptists aren't about to become creedal. In fact, we are about to be splintered into factions by what we believe. "Nobody tells a Baptist what to believe." Tragically, we are using that cliché and concept to exalt a humanistic view of the competency of the soul, so that it would become, for some at least, a far more definitive and important doctrine than the doctrine of the primacy and supremacy of Scripture. Which is more vital and important — supremacy of Scripture, or competency of the soul? As long as there is no conflict, it is fine to say that they are of equal importance. But when they clash, which has priority? There is a wonderful and total freedom in Christ, but surely no one will argue that this means a person can believe anything and do anything he may desire, and be in Christ. The teaching of the competency of the soul has no Christian meaning apart from its location within the confines of the biblical revelation. Admittedly, a person can believe anything, and interpret a doctrine any way desired. But no one can believe as a Satanist and be a Christian.

Southern Baptists have declared time and time again, in books and periodicals of several generations, that the distinguished marks of Baptists begin with the Supremacy of Scripture. It is our doctrinal cornerstone. It is hard to conceive how a person can believe that the Bible is a human book subject to humanistic manipulation and still claim to be a Southern Baptist. If we have given that much importance to the "competency of the soul," then we have stretched it completely out of shape and torn from it all intelligent meaning. Being a Southern Baptist means much more than the ability to say "You can believe anything you want to believe."

M. O. OWENS, JR.
 Parkwood Baptist Church,
 Gastonia, N. C.



Pictured on the platform with Dr. Melton is Judy Rice, WML Executive Secretary, Alaska, who has served in this capacity since 1968. She is only the 2nd WML Executive Secretary in the 25 year history of the Alaska WML. Other speakers on the program included former



Mississippi, Rev. Gene Foshee, photo at right, now pastor at First Church, Juneau, and Mrs. Don Rollins, center, a graduate of Blue Mountain College, who now serves as a home missionary in King Salmon, Alaska.

Mississippians Speak At Alaska WMU Celebration

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Mississippi was well represented during the recent 25th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union in Alaska. The annual meeting, held at Calvary Baptist Church, had over 100 in attendance during sessions on August 12-13.

Dr. Charles Melton, professor of Bible at Clarke College, was a guest speaker for the event. Following the WMU Convention, Dr. Melton led a study of the Sermon on the Mount, Sunday through Thursday nights at Granview Church in Anchorage. Also he visited and spoke to several other churches, including First, Juneau; Faith Church, Anchorage; and Palmer Church, Matanuska Valley.

Mississippi goes back to the days when Miss Edwina Robinson served as WMU Executive Secretary, and for several years the state WMU sent \$200 to this new convention territory to assist in the work during the busy summer months full of activity.

In commemoration of the first 25 years of the Alaska Woman's Missionary Union, a special eight page newspaper entitled the, WMU PETTICOAT GAZETTE was published! Full of historical facts, stories, and pictures, any church library would find this publication to be a great addition to their collection of missions materials. For a copy, send only \$2.00 with your name and mailing address to: WMU — Alaska Baptist Convention SRA Box 1791 — Anchorage 99507



Pictured speaking during the annual meeting is Dr. Charles Melton, Professor of Bible at Clarke College in Newton. He brought the climaxing message centering his challenging remarks around the theme, "By Thy Help... We Go On." Dr. Melton also participated in the state GARA Convention which was held at First Baptist Church following the WMU Annual Meeting.

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton To Dedicate New Sanctuary And Organ

October 6 will be an important date in the history of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. On that Sunday, the congregation will dedicate their new sanctuary, occupied earlier this year, and new organ.

For the morning service at 10:30, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, of Jackson will be guest speaker. Dr. Hudgins, now retired, was formerly executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

At 7:30 in the evening, a film will be shown — a special presentation on the erection of the building, produced by Robert Wall. Mr. Wall, a member of the Mississippi College faculty and a member of Morrison Heights Church, is a master craftsman in the art of photography and in the art of film production. This newest presentation on the building of a church sanctuary from start to finish promises to be a highlight of October 6.

In dedication of the organ, Margaret Harper, church organist, will present a mini-organ concert, also on Sunday evening.

All charter members have been invited, and Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor, emphasizes that all former members are especially invited to return for this event.

MIRI, Malaysia — A family of seven burned their idols and charms preceding their baptism here. The baptism service included 15 persons from five ethnic groups, according to Mr. and Mrs. C. Thurman Braughton, Southern Baptist missionaries. Another boy brought his charms to be burned before the service, which was held in the Red China Sea, the first ceremony there since the witness effort began in October, 1973.



Rev., Mrs. Herbert Retta; daughters Liz and Becky.



Mrs. J. H. Street Mrs. John I. Jacobs

Baptist Young Women's Retreat Set For Garaywa Oct. 18-19

A retreat for Baptist Young Women will be held at Camp Garaywa, October 18-19. The BYW Retreat is for all young women either married or single. The two day retreat will provide fun, fellowship, missions information and Bible study.

Some of the program highlights will include: Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Retta, telling of their ministry among the Spanish speaking people in Mississippi; Mrs. Jean Jacobs, missionary to Guyana, who will tell of her work in Guyana; Mrs. J. H. Street, who will lead the group in Bible study; Mrs. Martha Nelson who will review her book, *The Christian Woman in the Working World*, and Mrs. Wilda Fancher who will review her book, *The Christian Woman in the Christian Home*. Mrs. Frank Lay will lead the music.

The BYW Retreat begins Friday afternoon, October 18 with registration at 6:00. Supper will be served at 7:30 p.m. with the evening service beginning at 7:30. The Saturday morning session begins at 8:45. The BYW

Retreat will conclude Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

The cost for the BYW Retreat is \$7.00 per person which includes \$2.00 registration fee, three meals, lodging, and insurance. Linens will not be provided. The \$2.00 registration should be sent to Miss Frances Shaw, P. O. Box 530; Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

MEXICO CITY, Mexico — Southern Baptist representative David P. Daniell reports that more than 3,000 persons telephoned the Baptist mass media offices here asking for a "Yardstick of Love" offered free of charge during a recent campaign entitled, "Growing in Wisdom and Stature." Meant to measure the height of children, the yardstick has 1 Corinthians 13 printed on it. Also, the first lesson of a course on the family was sent to each person requesting the yardstick. According to Daniell, "the object of this project is to help evangelize Mexico City, which has a metropolitan population of more than ten million."

Mississippi George McGee's Life Different After Eku

By Barbara T. McCoy
 Eku, Nigeria — George McGee's life may never be the same after having what he calls "an Eku experience."

For two months this summer, McGee has lived and worked with Southern Baptist missionaries at Eku Baptist Hospital in Nigeria. Now he goes back to his sophomore year at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine with a story to tell about his summer.

It all began almost two years ago when, as a student at the University of Southern Mississippi, he met Dr. John McFadden, a pediatrician.

McFadden, who served as a special project doctor at Eku a few years ago, was appointed as a career missionary with his wife, and they are now living in Eku. While working together in Mississippi, McGee had talked to the missionary about the possibility of a trip to Africa during his school career.

The desired clinical experience that

brought him to the bush of Africa began almost as soon as he arrived. The tall, soft-spoken young man became the constant companion and understudy of Dr. McFadden, which meant few idle moments. McGee saw clinic patients, assisted in surgery, made rounds on the wards with the busy physician and even took night call with Dr. McFadden. This meant long hours of emergencies that usually required surgery. He became familiar with neonatal tetanus, cerebral malaria and kwashiorkor, which few doctors in the United States have seen.

In addition to the hospital work, he accompanied Dr. McFadden on three bush clinics to give immunization. One such clinic was held at Gbokoda, about 100 miles from Eku, where Nigerian Baptists have recently begun missionary work. Located close to the mouth of the Benue River, Gbokoda is accessible only by boat. This was the first time McGee slept and ate in a Nigerian village and the first time he slept under a mosquito net.



Medical Student Visits Eku Baptist Hospital — A pastor and his child are cared for in a bush clinic by George McGee, a medical student studying in Africa this summer with Southern Baptist missionaries at Eku Baptist Hospital. McGee returns this fall to his medical education at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. (Photo by Barbara T. McCoy)

Glorieta Conference Center Taking Applications For '75

Every year, June thru Labor Day, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center is used by the various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention for conferences, training and inspiration. Making the summer session possible is the Conference Center's Summer Staff.

Staff members have the opportunity to meet and work with people from all parts of the United States and many foreign countries. The Christian fellowship and the many life long friendships which develop are some

of the unique advantages of serving as a summer staff member.

Applications are now available for the 1975 Summer Staff Program. Applicants must be 17 years of age before January 1, 1975; in good health and willing to work. Adults under 70 years of age are also considered for Summer Staff positions.

Interested parties should make requests for applications to: PERSONNEL, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 8, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535

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EDITORIAL

Baptist Business—A Democratic Process

Baptist denominational work is done through elected boards and committees, chosen by messengers to the regular conventions of the denominational bodies. It truly is a democratic process, and history reveals that some of the ideas which finally were written into the United States constitution, came, through Thomas Jefferson, from a Baptist church which was located near his home in Virginia. Jefferson liked the way that Baptists handled their business, and felt that some of these democratic ideas would help establish a stable government for the nation. They did.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has been in session this week in Nashville, Tenn. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will meet next Monday at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Both are examples of Baptist democracy at work.

The SBC Executive Committee holds three regular meetings each year, one in September, one in February, and

one in connection with the annual meeting of the convention. A special session to elect officers is held at the close of the annual convention.

The membership of the executive committee is comprised of both preachers and lay people, representing all sectors of the convention. Of course, it does not handle all convention business, since institutions and agencies have their own boards, commissions or committees. However, the executive committee largely is the convention in interim, as far as general convention affairs are concerned. The sessions are open meetings, so that any Southern Baptist can sit in, and listen to the discussion and watch the action. Visitors sometimes even enter into the discussions and make their views known. Full reports of the meetings are released to the press, so that the whole convention constituency, and even the world at large, may be fully informed about convention affairs.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board also has three regular meetings

each year, one in September, one just prior to the state convention, and one after the convention. Special meetings may be called when they are needed. The major meeting is the one in September, since this is the time when the budget and other programs and plans for the new year are readied for recommendation to the state convention in its November session. This is the meeting which is set for next Monday.

Usually the convention board is able to do all of its work in one day, even at the September meeting which has the heaviest agenda. This meeting is open to all Baptists who care to attend. The sessions are in the chapel at the Baptist building.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is comprised of 100 members, one from each of the 76 district associations in the state, and 24 at large members. In choosing the "at large" members the constitution requires that not more than four board members be elected from any one association. This gives a very broad representation. This board is entrusted with the general work of the convention, but does not have control of the institutions and agencies, since they are under separate boards, also elected by the convention.

Next week's meeting of the board is a very important one since the budget for 1975 will be considered, and some changes in organization and procedures will be discussed. The major items already have been publicized through the Baptist Record, and all actions of the board will be fully reported in the Record.

Mississippi Baptist and Southern Baptist business is handled in as democratic a manner as is possible in fellowships as large as these conventions are. Obviously it would be impossible for a convention of 35,000 churches and 12,000,000 members, or even a state convention of 1890 churches and 570,000 members, to handle all business directly. Authority must be delegated to smaller groups for carrying on the work. This is done through the election of boards, commissions and committees by the annual meetings of the conventions. These conventions are made up of messengers sent from the churches. The governing bodies are thus responsible to the conventions which chose them, and the conventions are responsible to the churches.

There is no hierarchy in Baptist affairs. Control begins in the grassroots, and final control remains there. All boards and agencies, and all institutional and agency personnel, are responsible to the conventions, and, in the long run, to the churches from which the convention messengers came.

If we use a pyramid to illustrate the Baptist plan of action, the control is at the bottom which would represent the churches, and not at the top where elected leaders would be. This is Baptist democracy. It works for us, and we need no other plan.

If you wish to see democracy at work for Mississippi Baptists we suggest that you attend the board meeting in Jackson next Monday.

"Not A Creedal People"

The phrase "Baptists are not a creedal people" is heard often even among Baptists. A recent issue of the Record carried a news story of a speaker at Ridgecrest warning against a creedal trend in the Southern Baptist Convention. I read the story, and must admit that I do not see the dangers this speaker professes to see. Nevertheless, in this article I am not seeking to debate with him. Rather, I want to seek to clarify the meaning of the oft repeated phrase.

"Baptists are not a creedal people." This statement is true. They do not have a creedal statement which every church must adopt and every member must sign. It is well said that the only "creed" Baptists have is the open New Testament.

Nevertheless, Baptists do have some distinctive interpretations of that New Testament, and it is those distinctives which causes them to be classified as Baptists. Moreover, the person who does not believe those distinctives, simply is not a true Baptist, no matter if he does wear the name, walk in the fellowship, or supports a denominational program.

The church which preaches salvation by works, by baptism, or by church membership, is not Baptist.

The church which practices sprinkling for baptism or the sprinkling of infants, or teaches baptismal regeneration, is not Baptist.

The church which denies that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and only Saviour, is not Baptist.

In order to be true Baptist, a church must be Baptist in its doctrinal position. It does not have a creed, but it does believe something.

Baptists have never tried to force anybody into the mold of their dis-

tinctive beliefs. However, neither have they recognized as true Baptists those who do not accept those beliefs.

Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans or Pentecostals are not Baptists. They are what they are. This has nothing to do with whether they are Christians. We are not speaking of that. However, since they do not believe Baptist doctrine they are not recognized as Baptists, and we are sure that they do not want to be classified as such. They are not Baptists and it is their doctrines which make them something else. Likewise, Baptists are not something else, and it is because of what they believe. They are not a creedal people, but their doctrinal beliefs do positionize them.

No one claims that the Baptist Faith and Message statement, adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963, is the last or final word on Baptist doctrine, nor is any person required to sign a pledge that he believes it exactly as others do, in order to be classified as Baptist.

However, if a person does not believe the basic doctrines set forth in that statement, he errs in classifying himself as a Baptist. These are principles which Baptists have believed for centuries, and it is these principles which make Baptists a distinct and separate people. Those who reject any or all of these principles, are not in full fellowship with their brethren who accept the New Testament and all of its doctrines.

Let us keep the record straight! It is true that Baptists are not a creedal people.

Nevertheless, they do believe things which distinguish them from all others. It is these beliefs which make them Baptists.

of the best. In 16 splendid chapters she deals with the responsibilities of parenthood and with almost every type of problem the parent can face. How to teach, guide, train, get through to, discipline, and in other ways deal with children, both small and older, are frankly and wisely discussed. Parents will find many answers to their problems here.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE CRUSADE by Lee Fisher (Creation House, 162 pp., \$4.95) A compilation of funny things which have happened in connection with the life and ministry of Evangelist Billy Graham. Here are humorous incidents which have occurred during the crusades and other ministries through the years. They will give you a view of some of the lighter moments in these great spiritual experiences, but also shows something of the human side of the participants. These are stories about people whose names are on lips around the world. They will give numerous relaxing minutes of enjoyment.

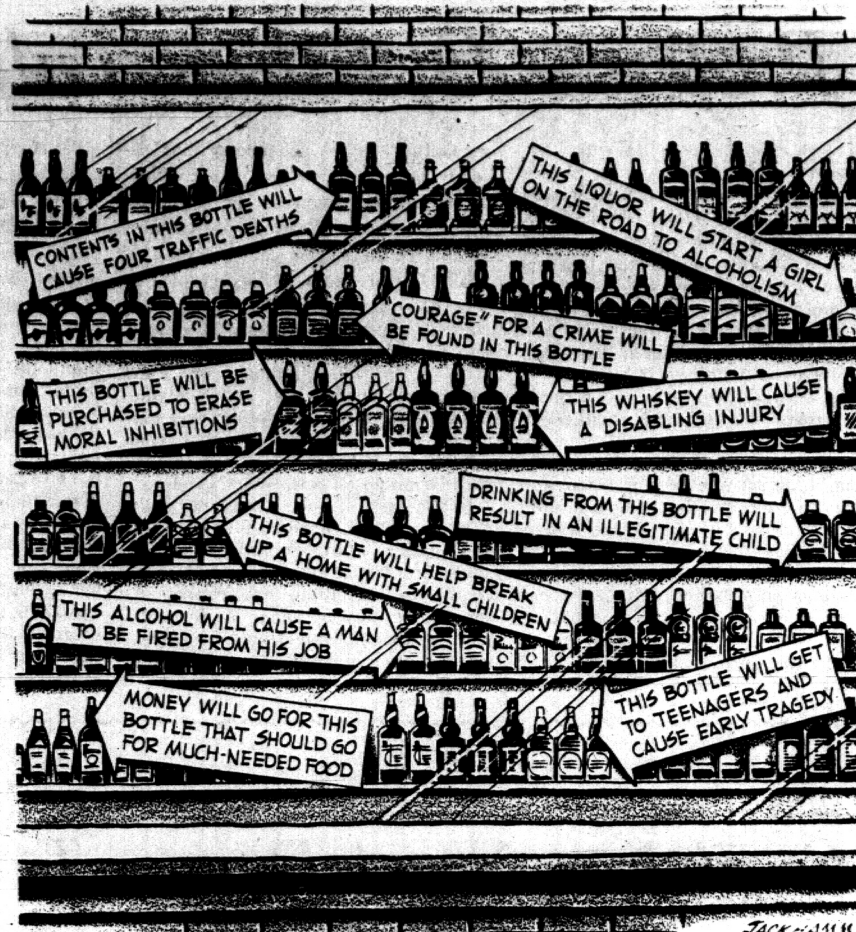
NEHEMIAH FOR US NOW by S. E. Anderson (Fundamental Publishers, Glenwood, ILL 66425, 173 pp., paper, \$1.95) A careful study of the book of Nehemiah, presented in a series of 13 challenging, inspiring sermons. The author presents Nehemiah as a God called, successful leader, whose methods for doing an important God given task, can well be a pattern for our doing the tasks God has assigned to us today. Building churches today, is much like the building of the walls which Nehemiah accomplished so long ago. The little book comes alive under the pen of Dr. Anderson, and brings a challenge to do a better job in God's work today. Preacher and layman alike will be blessed by this book.

BRING THEM IN by Bob Harrington (Broadman, 153 pp., \$4.95) The passion of Bob Harrington, the "Chaplain of Bourbon Street" is to bring men, women and young people to Jesus Christ. These are Bible based messages which present a clear interpretation of the Word, but fill it with experience after

experience from the life and ministry of this colorful minister whom God is using in such a broad way. The book is filled with many photographs of the evangelist on Bourbon Street and across America. This is a personal testimony of how people in many walks of life can be led to Christ.

DID GENESIS MAN CONQUER SPACE? by Emil Gaverluk and Jack Hamm (Thomas Nelson Inc., 192 pp., paper, \$2.95) The text is by Dr. Gaverluk and the book is profusely illustrated with cartoon drawings by the widely known religious artist, Jack Hamm. This is one of the most intriguing and fascinating books this reviewer has seen. The author raises questions concerning the type of civilization men could develop when the life span reaches upward toward a thousand years. Using amazing mysterious landmarks and architectural works which predate the flood, he shows that the civilization must have reached a very high state. For example, how does one explain the pyramids? Furthermore was there communication with civilizations from out in space? Historic relics and records indicate that there may have been. The author looks at the past, and at the ruin which sin brought to the world. He also looks at the present, and at the future. All his findings are interpreted on the basis of belief in the revelation of the Word, and the work of an Almighty God. He sees the Second Coming of Christ and events related to it as revealed in the Bible, as a solution to the problems not only for the world, but also for the universe. This is an amazing book, and a startling one. The reader may not agree with all of the ideas or conclusions found here but it will bring to his mind things probably never thought of, or not known, and may open his eyes to a new way of seeing things.

IF GOD IS GOD by Richard Edwin Koenig (Tyndale, paper \$1.25) Dialogs with Koehnig students prompted this volume on faith, doubt, love, etc. If God is God, why are certain things going on. The author answers



If One Could But Foresee



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

There was a candlelight dinner in our dining room recently (about three weeks ago, by the time you read this). It wasn't the first one, and it won't be the last one. But it was a very special one.

Its background began many years ago—a startling number of years ago, come to think of it. From the day our doctor confirmed that our first child was due in January, 1954, I began to pray that somewhere, at the right time would be born a child to be husband or wife, as the case would be, to our child. Our child was a boy. In January two years later Nan Bagwell was born. In June sixteen years later they met.

On a Monday night — this past September 2, the phone rang about 10:30. "Hello."

"Mother . . ." It was our firstborn, with a very mature "Mother" instead of the usual "Mom."

"Hello, Robert. How are you?"

"Fine. I wondered if you and Dad would like to donate two steaks (what a subtle way to exclude everyone else) for us when I give Nan our engagement ring Friday night?"

"Sure." This was not a surprise for us. We knew and had seen the ring. We talked for a while, then hung up.

I thought, "Horrors, I'm really going to be one — a mother-in-law." I got down a little pink book from the shelf and re-read the chapter entitled, "Her In-laws." And I chided myself, "O.K., Smarty. You had to write all that, didn't you? Now, let's see how smart you are doing it all."

Nan and I are starting out 'way ahead of many mother-daughter-in-law combinations. She has been around enough that she has seen my sweet-as-an-angel self and my madder-than-an-old-wed-hen self. She's eaten my banquet feast; she's eaten my leftovers. She's seen my house dirty enough for the city fathers to nail a stake in the yard bearing a placard "Condemned for unsanitary conditions"; she has seen it clean enough for surgeons to use. Well, maybe not that clean, but very clean clean.

I will not try to be Nan's mother, though when Nan was thirteen, she lost her mother in a car wreck, but I'm going to be a dandy mother-in-law. I've been planning for it a long time.

Some have said to me, "I can't wait until you write about your grandchildren." The lifetime of this column will not stretch that long, but I will get to share the excitement of our first wedding this Christmas season with you.

Just as I've been planning for being a mother-in-law, I've been telling Robert how to be a good husband. More important, he has seen in his Dad's behavior day-in-and-out and year-in-and-out, how a wife should be treated, and if he doesn't continue to treat Nan like a queen, I will act like his mother, that's for sure. I'm afraid I'm already on Nan's side. Sorry about that, Bobby.

For years, votes at our house have run four to one, you know in whose favor. Somehow there's a bit of comfort to know that now, finally, we'll have some four to two votes. I'm gonna' be the kind of mother-in-law that one of these days, after all the boys have married, votes will at least occasionally be tied. I got a good start on Friday night, September 6. Have you ever sat in the den while your child was getting engaged in the living room, trying to keep your mind on something, waiting for your child and future child-in-law to remember that you're back there, waiting to see?

many times until they news or whatever with us. And they can always be sure that we are "in the den" — no matter how many miles away their life's steps may take them.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Charismatics Lead The Way, Writer Says

Dear Editor:

It was with great joy that I read your editorial, "Are We on the Winning Side?" — but not for the reason you may think!

You recognized charismatic groups along with other Pentecostals as enjoying a growth. Remarkable.

Gentlemen, the Full Gospel groups are sweeping our nation. People hunger for the power of actually knowing the fulfilling of the Holy Spirit.

How long will our dear Southern Baptists continue to look the other way?

I search each issue of your paper for a breakthrough into the recognition that this is truly the era when the Holy Spirit is revealing himself in all his glorious fullness. Praise God.

Thank you kindly for listening to this charismatic Baptist.

Virginia Bonner
Poplarville, MS.

Challenges "Criteria" Of "Winning" Editorial

Dear Dr. Odle:

Your editorial of September 12 presented good case for the assertion that conservative churches are on the "winning" side of the liberal-conservative conflict. Your argument was well substantiated by measures of "winning" which we can all understand — numbers and dollars. Using such criteria it is impossible to quarrel with your conclusions.

Those who call themselves "conservative" should be willing to evaluate their positions in light of the Bible. Therefore, can you give me any justification for your criterion of "winning" that will stand the test you so often apply to others, namely, "What does the Bible say?" Specifically, can you cite me passages in the gospels where it can be implied that Jesus considered numbers and-or dollars as a test of His effectiveness? On the contrary, numerous passages could be cited at which it is clear that He knew "success" or "winning" were out of context in His ministry.

Your editorial reminded me of nothing so much as propaganda which is defined as "using whatever means necessary to damage another's cause." However, in your zeal you damaged your own cause. Bible-centered conservatism must of necessity be based on the Bible.

If I were to follow your criteria for judging the success of a movement, I would immediately join the Mormons. They are growing at a faster rate than any of the groups mentioned in your editorial. Please try to respect the intelligence of your readers in future editorials.

Larry Maples
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THE YOUTH CHOIR OF FIRST CHURCH, BALDWYN, recently returned from touring Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida. The choir presented the musical "Priority", under direction of Gary Cornett, minister of music and youth. Rev. Leo Barker is pastor.



THE YOUTH CHOIR OF FIRST, EUPORA, has returned from a tour of the St. Louis, Missouri, area. They sang in six churches: Fee Fee, Crestwood, Parker Rd., Hanley Hills, Tower Grove, and First Church, Union, Missouri. They presented their home concert on August 11, under direction of Mrs. Loye Stephens, minister of music. Accompanists for the group include Mrs. W. S. Stewart, piano; Turner Shaw, drums; and Bob Ray, guitar. Rev. William Stewart is pastor.

Today's Youth

into the night with the boys in his room. He was the lifeguard; he led music; he organized sports; he gave devotionals; and he was loving and kind, yet strong in his convictions.

He was the inspiration of the week, especially to those who knew him in 1972.

Pablo was different because in his words, "I had a real experience with the Lord."

That simple and that profound.

Prentiss Youth Help In River Ministries

On August 2, thirty-six young people from the Prentiss Church, along with seven adult sponsors, left for a ten-day choir-mission trip to Pearsall, Texas, fifty miles south of San Antonio.

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Spain conducted camps for its various youth missionary organizations at Baptist assembly grounds in Denia during August.

A total of more than 100 more people participated. Theme for each of the camps was "Let your light so shine."

Mrs. Esther Borrás, who is in charge of national Baptist WMU youth activities, directed the camps. She was assisted by a staff of Spanish nationals and missionaries.

In evangelistic services, thirty young people made public profession of faith, while others indicated dedication of life to divine purpose (EBPS)

Ford's Son, Seminary Student, Offered Prayer For His Father

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irregularity,
anemia,
sinus blockage,
and hate.

The world has answers—
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Serutan,
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—Mark Leggett

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Michael Ford, the 24-year-old son of President Ford who is studying at an evangelical seminary near Boston, offered a prayer at the weekly House Prayer Breakfast in the Capitol, two days before his father became President.

Floods of letters continue to "pour in," "begging" the youth to return. The success of the mission trip has set the stage for a return trip to Tamaqua August 4, 1975. The Keystone Baptist Association's Superintendent, Otho Winningham, of Mechanicsburg, Pa. is now spearheading the founding of a Tamaqua Mission. "Praise our Lord, again, and again," says Gary Y. Hodges, minister of music youth.

Rev. Paul Brooks is pastor at Woodlawn.



Young people from Prentiss Church conducted Vacation Bible Schools for Latin American children at Pearsall, Texas, during their choir-mission trip.



THE W.E.B. SINGERS, youth choir from West Ellisville Church, are shown during a stop on their tour to five states: Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, and Tennessee. The highlights were a visit to the Cummins Prison Farm in Arkansas, experiencing the Passion Play in Eureka Springs, visiting Parchman Prison in Mississippi, and giving a concert at Ruleville Church. The choir sang the musical "Lightshine." On August 18, they sang at West Ellisville Church. The minister of music is Harrel Wilcox. The pastor is Rev. Hueston Adkins.



"THE LIVING SPIRIT," YOUTH CHOR OF BELLE FOUNTAIN CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS, toured Kansas, Arkansas, and Louisiana, singing in seven churches there and later presenting concerts at Tylertown and in their home church. Twenty-four young people and seven adults went on the church bus. Rev. C. H. Stone is pastor; Kenneth Perry is music director. Missionary-pastor Chuck Clayton talks to youngsters attending VBS at First Baptist Church, Kings Beach, Calif. The church is just five blocks from Lake Tahoe.



"THE ANSWER" of Woodlawn, Vicksburg, went to Tamaqua, Pa., where new mission is to be founded largely as a result of their visit.

A black and white photograph of a church group. Two young men are perched on a large sign that reads "MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH" and "DR. JOHN E. BARKER PASTOR". A group of young women are seated in front of the church building.

MAIN SINGERS, college-age singers and instrumentalists, have returned from a tour through Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia. Following the tour, they gave their home concert at Main Street Church, Ha-

Butler, Don Clark, and Donald Wayne Lowery. The group is under direction of Robert H. Jones, minister of music at Main Street. Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr. is pastor.



THE IUKA SINGERS have returned to Iuka, from a choir tour which took them as far west as Grand Canyon Arizona. The young people, their chaperones and their music director, Jerry Swimmer, performed in Memphis, Tennessee; Sallisaw, Oklahoma; Frich, Texas; Gallup, New Mexico; Farmington, New Mexico; Pueblo, Colorado; Dodge City, Kansas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Joplin, Missouri; and Dresden, Tennessee. There were approximately seventeen professions of faith and numerous rededications. This is the fourth year of tour for the Iuka Singers. The Mayor of Iuka, John Biggs and the Board of Aldermen proclaimed the Iuka Singers to be Good Will Ambassadors representing their city.



SHAW YOUTH CHOIR visited the Baptist Building on August 6. They are pictured in the office of the Baptist Record (Dr. Joe Odle, editor, is at far right). Rev. Eugene Wigley is the Shaw pastor.



THE SON WORSHIPERS, youth choir from First, Greenville, have returned from an eleven-day mission trip to Miami. Seventy members of the choir made the tour, accompanied by four couples. Activities included concerts in Georgia and Florida and a three-day youth revival in Birmingham. The choir sang at a service. Other highlights included a concert at Key Biscayne and a day at Disney World. This was the twelfth annual tour for the group, all conducted by Kenneth Forbus, minister of music, who had just completed his twentieth year on the staff of First Church.

565 Churches Participating

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Medical College of Virginia. She is now serving as a clinical instructor in the William Carey College School of Nursing.

Sunday School Lesson: International

God Unifies His People, In A New Land

By William J. Fallis
Joshua 24

Joshua is the third of the four personalities we are studying in Israel's early history who showed by their leadership how "The Living God Seeks Man" — the theme of this quarter. He was the fighter to whom Moses turned to defeat Amalek before the children of Israel reached Sinai. He was one of the two spies who brought an encouraging report from their tour of Canaan. They trusted God more than they feared the giants in the land. Joshua was eventually chosen to succeed Moses as leader when the people prepared to enter the Promised Land. From Jericho his fame as a general spread through the countryside. Throughout life, Joshua lived up to the faith found in the meaning of his name: "the Lord is salvation."

The Lesson Explained
Joshua Reviews Israel's Background Verses 1-7

This is an important chapter for understanding Israelite religion because it pictures the act of covenant

renewal. This covenant relationship had begun between God and Abraham, and it had been renewed dramatically at Sinai, with all the people. It included the obligations of both God and the people, but it emphasized what God would do.

Joshua gathered the leaders (perhaps six from each tribe) at Shechem, the site of Abraham's first altar in Canaan (Gen. 12:8). By the words "presented themselves before God" we know it was a meeting with a religious purpose. In that context, Joshua spoke for "the Lord God of Israel" in recounting the great events in which God had guided and delivered the people. Selecting Abraham from a family which "served other gods" revealed God's grace. Sending Moses to contend with Pharaoh and letting the sea engulf the Egyptians showed God's power. All that he had done surely should convince the Israelites that God cared for them and had in mind something great for them to accomplish.

Joshua Calls For Commitment
Verses 14-15

The third element in the ancient covenant ceremony was the call to commitment. A similar covenant form has been found in writings from another ancient nation — this covenant between a ruler and his vassal. Joshua was calling on the leaders of the people to reaffirm their loyalty to God. They were to repeat the promise of their fathers to "serve him in sincerity" and to renounce all other gods. Joshua was a realist; he knew how strong was the influence of pagan religion from one generation to the next. Some families had agreed to worship the Lord, especially when facing some great danger, but they still would not trust him only. Joshua gave them the right to choose the Lord or the various gods, but his challenge left no middle ground. He concluded with his clear and unequivocal testimony: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

A Nation's Pledge In A New Land
Verse 24

The response of the leaders (vv. 16-18) came quickly, almost as

though they were reciting a memorized answer. Joshua would not accept it but told them how dangerous it would be to violate any easy pledge to the Lord. When the leaders insisted on their intention, Joshua dared them to prove it by discarding their household gods. They may have burned or buried the images, but Joshua believed them when they said, "The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey."

At Mount Sinai the people had experienced a covenant ceremony to seal their relationship with the Lord. That was about 1250 B.C. when the children of Israel were an unorganized host of recently freed slaves. At Shechem they renewed the covenant more than forty years later. All the adults who refused to trust God had died in the wilderness wanderings. Here we have almost a new nation that is making itself at home in the Promised Land, each tribe having its allotted territory and recognized leaders. New people in a new setting needed to make a new commitment to the Lord.

"Navy Sabbath" To Be Observed In The State Sunday, Oct. 13

Sunday, October 13, will be "Navy Sabbath" according to announcement by Commander Roy D. Caves of Jackson, a National Vice President of the Naval Reserve Association. The weekend Oct. 11-13 is being observed as Navy Sabbath 1974 all across the nation, and "men and women of all faiths are being asked to pray for peace and for our sons and daughters in the Navy and Marine Corps whose responsibility — above all others — is to preserve the peace."

The theme this year is "Peace Is a Shared Task." Commander Caves said that the purpose of the Navy Sabbath is to seek spiritual support for the Navy-Marine Corps team and their families.

This year's theme symbolizes the inseparable fact, that in today's world, realization of peace requires that the United States maintain a strong and effective armed force, Commander Caves added.

As a part of the observance of the special day, leaders have requested that special prayer be made for the men and women in this branch of the service, and that the following proclamation be publicized.

"PEACE IS A SHARED TASK"

Peace — there is no word that appeals more to the deepest needs of man than this. It has been said that peace is the happy, natural state of human existence. With it, all the blessings that a benevolent Creator has bestowed on His creation, may be enjoyed to the fullest. Without it, life is filled with fear, pain and uncertainty.

This weekend, October 11-13, Navy Sabbath 1974 is being observed across our great nation, and men and women of all faiths are being asked to pray for peace and for our sons and daughters in the Navy and Marine Corps whose responsibility — above all others — is to preserve that peace.

"To be prepared for war," George Washington said, "is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace." That is why those who serve often sacrifice so much to defend their country: not to make war, but to preserve peace.

In our world not all men believe in justice, equality and freedom. Many believe in force, tyranny and the oppression of others. Our Navy and Marine Corps exist so that those who would make war will hesitate to do so because of our strength.

But those at lonely outposts, beneath the seas in submarines, or sailing the raging oceans cannot do the job alone. For peace is a shared task — only possible when we all strive for it and recognize it as our goal.

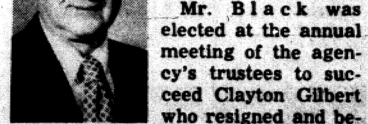
Navy Sabbath "A Time To Re-

member" can remind us how much we need each other and how much your prayers to God are needed by those who give so much in our Navy and Marine Corps.

Prayer — ultimately — is an act of love and could, therefore, change the world.

Black Named As Department Head

MEMPHIS — Frank A. Black, an employee of the Brotherhood Commission for 19 years, has been elected director of the Royal Ambassador Division's Crusader Department.



Frank Black came associate pastor and educational director of First Baptist Church, Alexander City, Alabama.

As director of the Crusader Department, Mr. Black will lead in providing guidance for 125,842 boys 6-11 in Crusader Royal Ambassador chapters throughout the United States.

Mr. Black, 55, has been involved in boys' programs for more than 20 years, first as a Boy Scout executive and later with the Commission.

Mr. Black was born in Calhoun County, Mississippi and attended the University of Mississippi. He received a bachelor of science degree from Bowling Green Business College, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

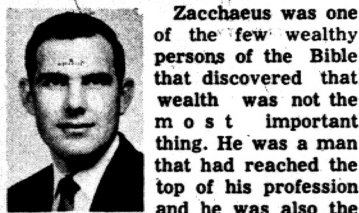
He is the author of *Royal Ambassador Campercraft*, and *Page, Squire, and Knight* advancement books.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

A Prosperous Outcast

Luke 19:1 - 10
By Bill Duncan

George Horace Larimer said, "It's good to have money and the things money can buy, but it's good too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy."



Zacchaeus was one of the few wealthy persons of the Bible that discovered that wealth was not the most important thing. He was a man that had reached the top of his profession and he was also the most hated man in the district. The city of Jericho was a wealthy important town that sat at the intersection of the commercial routes. Therefore, the job of tax collector was one of the most important and lucrative jobs of the area. He was a Jew who had gained rank and riches at the price of rejection by his countrymen. He discovered that money could not buy real friends and acceptance. Therefore, he was like most wealthy persons, very unhappy.

Jesus had welcomed tax collectors (Matthew) and sinners. Therefore, Zacchaeus felt an urge to get near to Jesus. He was despised and hated by men. Zacchaeus was reaching for the love of God.

When anyone thinks of Zacchaeus, he recalls the song we sang as children. I never got the idea that he was wealthy, but I only remember that he was a "wee, wee little man." This is why he climbed a tree to see Jesus.

For Zacchaeus to mingle with the crowd at all was a courageous thing to do, for many a man would see an opportunity to push or nudge the little tax collector. A strong determination to see Jesus could not be stopped. He was determined that his physical handicap would not prevent him from seeing Jesus. So he climbed a sycamore tree.

When Jesus came to the tree he looked up and saw him, and said, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down for today I must abide at thy house." How did Jesus know his name? How did he know what Zacchaeus needed? The climax of a person's search for Christ is to realize that Christ has been searching for him.

This was a courageous act on the part of Jesus for immediately he was criticized for associating with such a man, a sinner. This is still true today. A preacher can pick up a lot of criticism for associating with the wealthy of his church family. Most people are jealous of the wealthy. Some of the wealthy have gotten their wealth at the expense of others who have never forgiven them. A person can be criticized for associating with the wealthy at the country club or in social life. But the most estranged people I know are the ones who are very prosperous.

Why was Jesus always quick to go for dinner with the wealthy? Was it because they had better food? Jesus saw the meal time was an excellent time to sit and discuss the Kingdom of God. When Jesus announced that he would go home and eat with Zacchaeus, He got the attention of many more "sinners" who also were lonely. The lonely man was about to have a guest that would never leave his life. There is the possibility of fellowship around a table of food because it encourages sharing.

The response of Zacchaeus to the conversation and love of Jesus must never be overlooked. "Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of the goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation I restore him fourfold. Jesus said, 'This day is salvation come to this house.'

"Away From Sin To God"

Conversion involves a turning away from sin and a turning to God.

When we received Jesus into our life as Lord, old things pass away. No one can remain the same. A miracle had taken place.

Jesus recognized how hard it was for a rich man to be saved when the rich young ruler went away sorrowful at the suggestion to go and sell what he had. At the response Jesus said, "It is harder for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God." There is a peril of prosperity. Riches can become more important than God. That is why it is important to stop and realize what money cannot buy. God's love is not with held from the rich, but many of the rich refuse to humble themselves enough to realize their great need.

Zacchaeus wanted to make a change. He had not become what he had hoped to be. He had gained position and possessions but he didn't like himself any better than the crowd liked him. With the help of Christ's presence he reversed his life pattern. He promised half of his property to the poor and to pay back four times anything he had cheated people out of. Jesus approved this. A man was saved and his deeds demonstrated it. It is not a mere change of words which Jesus Christ demands, but a change of life.

What is it that money cannot buy? Why do the wealthy live behind high walls and locked doors? What happens when you get behind the veneer of "I have all I need"? The people who are wealthy have the same needs you and I have. They must have friends, love, and acceptance for who they are. Their greatest need is spiritual. On their heart they know their need but do not know how to get a right relationship with God.

Jesus' approach to Zacchaeus is the approach that we need to follow with the wealthy — one to one. We must get them out of the crowd and down to where they have an opportunity to respond. They need the personal touch. It is not that they are better than others, but they must be drawn from the crowd by individual attention.

Charles W. Black, Retired Minister, Dies In Magee

Rev. Charles W. Black, 86, retired Baptist minister of Magee, died Sept. 9 at Crawford's Nursing Home in that city.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday from Shivers Baptist Church, with burial in Stonewall Cemetery.

Survivors include: one son, Bob Black of Jackson, one granddaughter, Mrs. Jerry Patterson of Jackson, one great-granddaughter, Miss Page Patterson of Jackson.

For many years he served churches in Simpson County and had been retired for several years.

Forget your mistakes, but remember what they taught you.

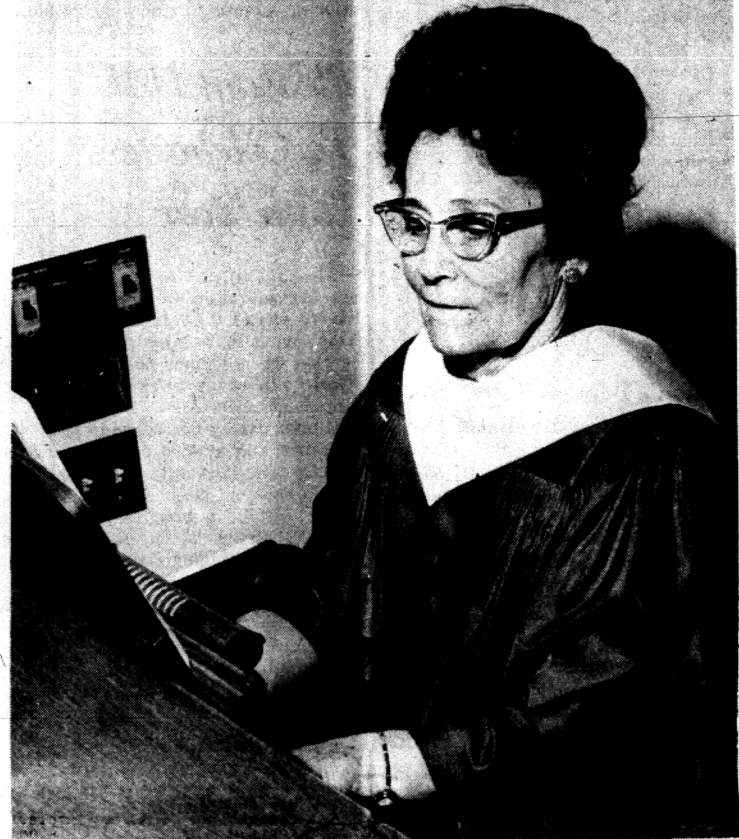
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Organist Honored For 50 Years Service

Mrs. C. C. Stacy has served fifty years as organist of the First Baptist Church of Water Valley. On Sept. 1st, the anniversary date of her ministry as organist, the church celebrated "Anna Kate Stacy Day." A trumpet stop was added to the church's pipe organ in honor of this faithful servant and a silver punch bowl, cups and tray were presented to her in appreciation of this unparalleled tenure as Organist. On Sunday afternoon the Church had a Reception in her honor to give her many friends the opportunity to express their personal appreciation for what she has meant to this church in her half century of faithfulness. Rev. Guy Reedy is pastor.

'Great Foreign Mission Day' To Be Held At Carey October 21

The pastors of the Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast areas have been invited to the William Carey College campus on October 21 for a full day of foreign mission emphasis, sponsored jointly by the Foreign Mission Board and the college.

Uniquely planned to include seminars, dialogues, missionary testimonies and sharing sessions, the day will begin at 9 A.M. with registration. Following small group activities all morning, a luncheon fellowship will take place at noon in Wilkes Dining Hall.

The afternoon will be devoted to group reports, questions, and testimonies from foreign missionaries and staff members from Richmond, Virginia. At 4 PM President and Mrs. J. Ralph Noonkester of William Carey College will host all participants at a reception in the president's home adjacent to the campus.

A highlight of the day's events will be the first Founders Day Dinner in the history of the college, named appropriately for William Carey, the great British missionary to India who

is known throughout the Protestant world as the "father of the modern missionary movement." Beginning at 5:30 PM in Wilkes Hall the dinner will feature special personages and events in keeping with the history of the college.

Climaxing the entire day's activities will be a "Great Evening Foreign Mission Happening at 7:30 in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium. Seating 1200 persons, the auditorium is expected to be filled to capacity with young people and young adults, as well as lay leaders from the entire area. "We hope to pack into that one night all of the atmosphere, excitement and inspiration of a week of foreign mission emphasis at Ridgecrest or Glorieta," commented a spokesman for the event.

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Crestwood To Mark 57th Anniversary

Crestwood Church, Jackson, invites you to their 57th anniversary homecoming and note burning service on October 6, with dinner on the ground and singing during the afternoon.

Rev. Gus Merritt will be the featured speaker and Vance Parks is in charge of the music. Former pastors will be recognized and introduced. The nursery will be open through the church hour.

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Devotional

Christian Joy

By Odean W. Fickett, Pastor, First, Natchez
John 15:11

Clarence W. Crawford tells the story of a boy playing in the barn who found an old-fashioned ox yoke. He dragged it out of the barn and slipped one end of the yoke over the head of a younger heifer. Then he put his own head through the other end of the yoke as a joke. But it wasn't funny to the heifer; and the heifer kicked up its heels, took off across the barnyard dragging the boy with it. He held on for dear life, calling out as loudly as he could. "Dad, come and catch us, we're running away!"



Often, we find ourselves yoked to a world that is running away and trying to drag us with it. Never before has there been so much permissiveness and immorality. We have been told that the way to find joy and happiness is to throw off restraint and do what comes naturally.

Even some Christians have a suspicion that they are missing a lot of fun in life. This is one of Satan's most subtle lies. Sin may have its thrills and pleasures for the moment, but never real joys. Those who live in sin are the saddest people on earth. The really happy people are those who live for God. He alone gives meaning and purpose to life.

A Christian life without joy is not a Christian life at all. Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

The Christian has in his life that which the world cannot give or take away. And though health and wealth be removed, the Christian still has his most important possession, his faith in God. Even if his life is taken, the Christian has the joy of heaven awaiting. Herein is joy unspeakable.



New Faculty At Carey College

Seven new full-time faculty additions to the Carey College roster pose above during recent administration-faculty planning sessions. From left, front row: Dr. John Mack Welford, assistant professor of education and psychology; William T. Rivero, instructor of education and psychology; Miss Lucille Parker, associate professor of art and chairman of the art department; Clemon Downs, assistant professor of music; and Dr. William Bufkin, associate professor of music education. Standing, from left: Mrs. Lillian Leasale, assistant dean of the school of nursing and clinical nursing instructor; and Miss Nancy Kaye Braddock, assistant professor of medical-surgical nursing. Other part-time faculty will be announced at a later date.

Southern Seminary Library Joins Regional Cataloging Project

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The James P. Boyce Centennial Library, located on the campus of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has become a leader among seminary libraries through the joining of a computerized library cataloging project which in-

cludes major research and university libraries throughout the Southeast.

Known as SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network), the Atlanta-based system links some 100 members' schools to a central computer which will have the catalog listing of every item entered in each of the system's libraries.

The program was initiated by funds totaling \$250,000. SOLINET recently received a \$600,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation, making it one of the most viable of all such cooperatives in the country.

The seminary library will be connected to the computer by long-distance telephone lines. Library personnel in Louisville will have access to the holdings of all other libraries merely by punching an appropriate code on a key board terminal located in the library.

Southern's library, represented by director Ronald Deering, was a charter member of SOLINET and will be one of six seminaries in the Southeastern United States which will have access to the program's facilities.

During the initial years of the program SOLINET will be connected to the nationally renowned Ohio College Library Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Wahalak (Kemper) Reports Activities

Wahalak Church in Kemper County had a week-end revival Sept. 13-15. Rev. Harold Harris, pastor of the First Church, Stoneham, was the evangelist.

The church has started Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

On Sept. 18th, Miss Thelma James, Louisa, showed slides on a tour she took in Russia in June. Rev. Ronnie W. Bullard, pastor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Salem Church (Lauderdale Association): Rev. Ronnie Estes, evangelist; Rev. Jerry R. McMullen, pastor; 63 decisions; 2 by profession of faith, one by letter and 60 rededications.

Crowder Church, (Quitman): Aug. 18-23; Rev. Gerald Buckley, preacher; J. B. Betts, singer; 1 by letter, 7 professions of faith, and 13 dedication decisions. Rev. Truman D. Scarborough, pastor.

Petal-Harvey Church, Petal: Sept. 22-28; Rev. Jerry Passmore, pastor of Olive Church, Pensacola, Fla., evangelist; Gary Hodges, Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg, singer; Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor.

Illinois Baptists Top \$1 Million Giving Mark

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP) — State-wide Cooperative Program unified budget receipts from Southern Baptist churches in Illinois have reached \$1 million at the earliest point ever in the Illinois Baptist State Association's history.

As of August 29, contributions to the state's Cooperative Program totaled \$1,002,822. The budget year closes December 31, and contributions must reach \$1,000,000 to meet the state's budget. Illinois contributions have topped \$1 million for the fifth consecutive year.

Pleasant Hill To Celebrate 125th Year

Pleasant Hill Church, Carthage, offers an invitation to any who would like to attend their 125th anniversary. This event will take place on September 22. A former pastor, Rev. Roy Clark, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Dinner will be served on the grounds, and at 1:00 or 1:30 p.m. the special program will begin, directed by the pastor, Rev. John L. Gainer. There will be a brief reading of the church history, along with one or more gospel singing groups. For those who enjoy congregational singing, an opportunity for you to sing will be offered.

Former members are urged to come back and join present members at this milestone in the church's history as they thank God for the blessings He has bestowed through these many years.



Sanctuary Of First, McComb Nears Completion

The new pastoral staff is pictured in front of the new sanctuary of the First Church of McComb, which is still under construction. Completion of the building has been scheduled for shortly after the first of the year, 1975. From left: Gary Anglin, minister of music and youth; Dr. J. B. Fowler, pastor; and Rev. Harold Fleming, minister of education.



President's Tea For New Students

Early in the session's program of activities at Blue Mountain College, Dr. and Mrs. E. Harold Fisher arrange a special afternoon tea for all new students at Armstrong, home of the College President. Ready to greet each guest as she arrived for the 1974-75 "New Girl" tea (102 in number, are left to right: Dr. E. Harold Fisher, presiding over the presidency of the college for his tenth (10th) session; Miss Ann McKinney, Fayetteville, Tenn., president of the Student Government Association; and Mrs. E. Harold Fisher, first lady of the college and a member of the Business Education Faculty.

Hensleys Are State Representatives For Marriage Enrichment

Dr. and Mrs. J. Clark Hensley of Jackson have received appointment as Mississippi representatives for the Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment by the founders and acting presidents, Dr. David and Vera Mace.

Dr. and Mrs. Hensley will attend the first national conference on marriage enrichment to be held in St. Louis in October. They have participated in a number of marriage enrichment retreats in Mississippi the past year and will be co-leader of the retreat to be held in Meridian in October and on the Gulf Coast in February.

Following these retreats for pastors and other church leaders, along with their wives, they expect to turn their attention to conducting retreats for lay people from the churches of the state of Mississippi.

The primary purpose of this appointment as Mississippi representatives for ACME is to encourage couples to "work for better marriages, beginning with their own."

Dr. and Mrs. Mace have recently written a book entitled "We Can Have Better Marriages If We Really Want Them" that sets forth the purposes of the Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment. The Maces are known throughout the world for their work in marriage guidance and family relations and this new thrust for marriage enrichment is the culmination of a lifetime of effort in interest and concern for the family.

While ACME is primarily for couples, an auxiliary membership category, ACME Associates, is designed for individuals who believe in the purposes of ACME and wish to support these purposes but are not in position to join on a couples basis. This would include unmarried professionals whose work involves dealing with married couples or divorced persons.

Those who are interested in ACME or the marriage enrichment retreats may address Dr. and Mrs. Hensley at P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.



Calvary, Newton Dedicates Center

Calvary Church in Newton observed the dedication of its Family Life Center on Sunday, Sept. 15. Rev. Cliff Estes, Jr., pastor, has been the leader in the continual growth of the ministry of the church. (Photo by M. Hollingsworth)

More Family Life Conferences Scheduled

The Rocky Creek Church of Lauderdale, Sonny Adkins, pastor, will hold a family life conference Sept. 27-29. The North McComb Church, Joe H. Ratcliff, pastor, will hold a family life enrichment revival Oct. 6-9; and Highland Church, Meridian, Rev. Ralph Graves, pastor, will also hold a family life enrichment revival Nov. 3-6. All three of these meetings will be conducted by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission.

I Have A Rose - - -

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the young men in your group — and I regret I didn't learn his name — came over to me as I loaded the machines and asked if he might loan me some detergent since he had noticed the coin machine which dispenses soap powder was out of stock. As it happened, I had detergent in my laundry bag and didn't need to use his, but I was deeply touched by his generosity and by his caring attitude which indicated eyes open and watching for needs he might supply.

I like to think that he is an example of that attitude in all your youth.

Much is heard of the bothersome and hurtful antics of some youth today. I am thankful to our God for those who are among his disciples in the world today seeking ways to serve Him by serving fellow human beings.

Very sincerely,
Mrs. R. M. Wood

Crowder Baptists Vote To Renovate

Crowder Church voted several weeks ago to renovate the auditorium on Sept. 8 the congregation authorized the Auditorium Renovation Committee to borrow up to \$25,000.00 for the project.

This work will all be inside and includes extending the pulpit platform, carpeting throughout, better lighting, insulation, sheet-rock, new walls and chair railings, windows of fiberglass stained, install speaker system to the nursery and a few smaller items that are needed. These improvements should greatly enhance the beauty of our worship area. Rev. Truman D. Scarborough is pastor.



THE PULPIT MUSICAL DRAMA, "CELEBRATE LIFE," has been presented this summer by 38th AVENUE CHURCH, HATTIESBURG's choir, to several different audiences, including Green Forest Convalescent Home; Forrest General Hospital (on television); First Church, Wiggins; Main Street Church, Goodman; Baptist Children's Village, Jackson; Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg; several churches in the area of Hattiesburg, and 38th Avenue Church. Jimmy McCaleb, minister of music and youth, directed the production. Dr. James D. McEmore is the pastor.

Revival Dates

West Side, Macon: September 22-23; Rev. Valton Douglas, pastor of First Church, Helena, Jackson County, evangelist; Johnny Eubanks, music director of Zion Church, Pontotoc County, music evangelist; Mrs. Mary Nell Gill, First, Macon, pianist; services at 11 a.m. Sunday and 7:30 nightly; Rev. Kenneth Overby, pastor.

Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg: Sept. 22-29; Rev. Larry Taylor, San Antonio, Texas, evangelist; Wayne Ward, church staff, directing music; evening services at 7:30; Rev. Harold Jordan, pastor.

Lebanon Association in Forrest County: "Spiritual" Revival: Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg; Sept. 22-27; Don and Bob Evangelistic Team; Mrs. D. C. Ware, Pianist; Services 7:30 p.m. daily; S. B. Boyett, Pastor.

Pearl, Eastside Church: Sept. 22-27; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; week days, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Perry Neal, pastor, Eastdale Church, Montgomery, Ala., evangelist; Tom Larrimore, full-time music evangelist, directing the music; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor.

If you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

Opportunity isn't as rare as the ability to recognize it.

The school of experience grants no vacations.

Broadmoor, Gulfport Calls Stanley File

Broadmoor Church, Gulfport, is happy to announce that on Sept. 1 Dr. Stanley A. File accepted the call to become pastor of the church.

Though Gulfport is his home, Dr. and Mrs. File (nee Annie Laurie Dodge) have lived most of the last 23 years in other parts of the country. They have held pioneer pastorates in Washington and Alaska and served on the faculty of Antioch Baptist College in Marietta, Georgia, where Mrs. File was director of the kindergarten and day care center.

The Files have not served in Gulfport since 1955 when he was pastor at Fernwood (then Bowen Memorial). Dr. File's younger brother Jerry E. File is pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Columbus.

Dr. File earned his BA degree from William Carey College in 1955 and later studied at New Orleans Seminary and the University of Southern Mississippi. He received his Th.M. degree from Antioch and the Doctor of Religious Education from North Georgia Baptist Seminary, Dalton.

Brother File was struck with leukemia in 1964 which forced his retirement from the active pastorate in 1969. He says of this period, "the long trial is now ended and by God's mercy I am again fit to minister in the Name of that blessed Saviour whose blood atonement covers every human need — even leukemia."

Ford's Son - - -

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Conwell Seminary student prayed: "So often, as we go through life, we are misled by our pride and self-centered confidence. We find ourselves guilty of thinking that we can prevail and lead a victorious life on our own merits and work. Again and again we try to make it alone in this every-demanding world, and again and again we are humbled before Thee.

"But Lord, we thank You for the stumbling blocks and obstacles you have set before us, the daily struggles in our lives that call for us to stop and re-evaluate our relationship with You. We know that we must never stop asking ourselves the question, 'Where does Christ stand in my life — in the center, or on the fringe?'"

Off The Record

A poor farmer struck oil one day in his potato patch, and with his new wealth he built three swimming pools. He filled one with warm water, one with cool water and one he left empty. "Why isn't there any water in the last pool?" asked a friend.

"Well," replied the new millionaire "a lot of my friends can't swim!" — Boys' Life

Two music students were discussing their part-time jobs. Said one, "I work in the opera at night and carry a spear in one act." His friend asked, "How do you manage to keep awake so late at night?" "It's simple," replied the first. "The man behind me carries a spear too."

First man: "I know an artist who painted a cowbird so real — that a maid spent an hour trying to get it down."

Second man: "Sorry, but I don't believe you."

First man: "Why not? Artists have been known to do such things."

Second man: "Yes — but not mauls." — American Opinion

My mother-in-law resented my giving her a gift certificate. To Forest Lawn.

"Mary, why won't you marry me? There can't be anyone else."

Oh, Bill, there must be!"

My TV set's so small, Marcus Welby comes on as a pediatrician.

Sam put his money in the coffee machine, pushed the buttons, and watched. A stream of coffee gushed out of one nozzle, cream out of another. After the proper amount of both had gone down the drain where the cup should have been, Sam exclaimed, "Talk about automation. This machine even drinks the coffee for you." — Carolina Co-operator

"Now, children," said the Sunday school teacher, "I have told you the story of Jonah and the whale. Willie, you may tell me what this story teaches." "Yessum," said Willie, "it teaches that you can't keep a good man down." — Funny Funny World.

"Mother," said little Mabel, "do missionaries go to heaven?" "Why, of course, dear," her mother replied. "Do cannibals?" "No, I'm afraid they don't." "But, mother," the little girl insisted, "if a cannibal eats a missionary, he'll have to go, won't he?"